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ONE DOLLAR AND FIFTY CENTS A YEAR IN ADVANCE

## UNION COLLEGE

### To Have The Biggest Number Of Students In History

Prof. D. M. Humfleet has returned from a trip thru Harlan and Bell Counties where he has been preaching the gospel of a good education at Union College. As a consequence of his work, a large number of students from these sections are expected to be present at the opening on September 16th. In fact, Prof. Humfleet says it will be the largest opening in the history of the institution.

The halls are now being thoroughly cleaned and everything is being put into a most sanitary condition. Work on the new gymnasium is proceeding nicely.

It will be a stimulus to business when our colleges open and the High School is in session.

## OLDEST MAN IN THE WORLD

John Shell, the oldest man in the world, was the guest of Harlan Tuesday and held a levee at the Kelly Hotel all afternoon and evening receiving callers by the score.

Mr. Shell, who lives just over the Harlan County line in Leslie, was born in Tennessee in 1788, and at the present time is 130 years of age. His 131st birthday occurring the 15th of next month.

He is the father of eleven children all living, by his first wife, with whom he lived nearly one hundred years. He was married the second time five years ago and has a four year old daughter by his second wife. His oldest living child is a son 97 years of age. He resided in the same house in Leslie County for 67 years.

In company with R. B. Roberts, Commonwealth Attorney of Hyden, Mr. Shell rode horseback twelve miles over Pine Mountain in order to take the train here Wednesday for Lexington where he will be one of the chief attractions at the Blue Grass Fair next week.

In order to give the reader a better idea of the span of life passed by this aged man, we might state that he was eleven years of age when George Washington died.

For a man of his great age he is very active, and up to two years ago worked hard every day. He is intelligent and has all his faculties, with a wealth of snow white hair, and readily converses on any topic.

He is a typical rugged mountain man and has the distinction of being the oldest man in the entire world. There is no question of this being true as he has proven many times. —Harlan Enterprise.

## AMERICAN LEGION

### Knox County Post Being Organized

T. H. Haden, Jr. and Fred Hemphill are endeavoring to organize a Knox County Post of the American Legion and are meeting with a gratifying response from the veterans of the World War to whom they have broached the subject. All discharged soldiers, sailors and marines are eligible and it is their duty to join the Post.

## COURT NEWS

Chastain Fowler Co. vs. L. C. Calles, debt, verdict for plaintiff.

Park Owens, Guardian, vs. Order, Bortha Owens, deed for land ordered to be executed to J. M. Trosper.

Louis Hampton and wife, vs. Wynona Oil Co., oil lease ordered cancelled.

Jellico Grocery Co., vs. T. G. Cole, debt, order for plaintiff.

J. Zinsmeister & Sons Co., vs. T. G. Cole, debt, order for plaintiff.

W. P. Parker, vs. T. G. Cole, debt, order for plaintiff.

John W. Lawson, vs. Judgment, H. C. Faulkner, W. E. Faulkner and H. C. Faulkner, Jr., verdict for plaintiff.

W. R. Lay, Administrator, vs. Linna Mays, T. D. Tinsley appointed administrator.

C. C. Warren vs. Cumberland Railroad, damages for injuries, verdict of \$500.00 in favor of plaintiff.

## DIVORCE COURT

Divorces granted: —

Jesse Smallwood vs. Vina Smallwood.

J. C. Faulkner vs. Freida Faulkner.

## DAN LAWSON CASE

The summing up of the Dan Lawson case, charged with participation in the murder of Tom Williams, of Brush Creek, was eloquently argued by Messrs. J. B. Snyder, Commonwealth Attorney, and Judge B. B. Golden for the prosecution, and by Messrs. H. H. Owens and Sawyer A. Smith for the defense.

The line of argument for the defense was the lack of reasonable doubt of conspiracy to kill and also that there was no evidence that the accused was there at all. The defense also urged that the defendant acted in good faith in obeying the instructions of Sam Lewis to attempt to arrest Tom Williams, even though the act was illegal, since he did not have a warrant with him. It was also made a strong point of the fact that the medical men who examined the body, found no shot in the face or eye as was stated by witnesses who believed they saw shot wounds. The pitted condition of the face was charged to the ravages of insects during the two days in which the dead man lay in the woods.

The prosecution stated that the Grand Jury had found defendant guilty. It also charged to the laxity of the law the great number of murder cases in South-eastern Kentucky. The use of threats by defendant to injure deceased was also strongly stressed and the fact that since the Lawson boys had no warrant, they were trespassers and no one of them had the right to kill Williams, even though he resisted, that being his right under the law.

The jury, after being out some four hours found the defendant not guilty.

This case has provoked considerable interest from the unusual circumstances surrounding it and the number of witnesses called by both sides.

## LIEUT. A. H. HEMPHILL HOME

Lieut. A. H. Hemphill who went over to France with the first contingent of troops and who landed in St. Nazaire, France, June 26th, 1917, is home again and is spending a few days furlough with his family. Lieut. Hemphill landed in New York August 28th, which made his foreign service twenty-eight months and fourteen days. He was attached to the Quartermaster's Department during all this time and his duties in France were supervising the issue of more than eight million rations and when the Second Army was organized in October, he was on the staff of General Bullard as Assistant to the Chief Quartermaster handling all requisitions for the army. The last three months of service in France he was located in Antwerp, Belgium, as Post Mess Officer, supervising the feeding of one thousand two hundred men daily.

He received his commission as Lieutenant in October and immediately joined the staff of General Bullard.

## TUESDAY CLUB NOTES

Called Meeting

The President, Mrs. Sawyer A. Smith, called a meeting of the Tuesday Club at her home on Knox St. August the nineteenth with fourteen members present. Mrs. Guy Dickenson reported that twenty-five more Red Cross garments for refugees had just been finished. The chairmen of different committees made reports and plans for the new Club year were discussed. After an hour of very important business the meeting adjourned. Delicious iced watermelon was served.

## Social Meeting

One of the most enjoyable affairs of the summer season was the afternoon reception given to the Tuesday Club members by Mrs. John W. Hughes at her home on Pine Street, August the twenty-sixth. The hostesses' brother, Sergt. John Catron Jones was urged to tell some war experiences. He told of the Lost Battalion, the Argonne Forest, the work of the Y. M. C. A. and Red Cross, and the English and French people as he met them. Also of his studies at Oxford, visits to other Universities and a delightful week's visit in rural England. Sergt. Jones answered many questions and entertained most pleasingly. He has just returned from France where he was with the Division that rescued the Lost Battalion.

Master Lowell Hughes accompanied by his sister Beatrice at the piano, gave several pretty cornet solos.

In the Shakespearian Play contest, Mrs. Wm. Barr Minton and Mrs. A. H. Davis as partners had the greatest number correct, and won the beautiful little Gift Book.

The following menu was served: Cheese and Pimento Sandwiches Poinsettia Tomatoes

Vegetable Salad Ice Cream Cake

The decoration flowers were nasturtiums and orange and red dahlias. Mrs. J. F. Hughes was present as guest.

## LABOR DAY RALLY

### Congressman Robison Discusses H. C. L. and League of Nations

Several hundred stalwart Knights of Labor rallied under the flag of their country on Monday and gave expression to their worth as citizens of Knox County, both from the stand point of numbers and intelligence.

The members of the organization met at their hall and from there, accompanied by their band, marched to the depot and gave a rousing welcome to other representatives of labor who came in on the noon train. They then marched to the Court House where they were addressed by Senator Lewis, Judge S. H. Kash, of Corbin, Judge B. B. Golden, all of whom paid an eloquent tribute to those who produce by physical labor.

At 1 p. m. Congressman J. M. Robison delivered a splendid speech to a large and enthusiastic audience, taking as his chief topics, the High Cost of Living and the League of Nations.

Mr. Robison said he has been the recipient of a number of letters asking him to vote against the Kenyon bill which is designed to put a curb on the profiteer. He said that Pres. Wilson went in on a promise to reduce the high cost of living. In 1917 the profiteering bill was passed. Yet when the exposure of the tremendous profiteering came, the President said to Congress "You stay in session and do something to reduce the high cost of living." Yet there was not a prosecution started between 1912 and 1917. The speaker accused President Wilson of playing politics since, while Congress passes laws to curb the profiteer, it is the Attorney General of the Administration who must enforce these laws.

"Investigation," said Mr. Robison, "showed that in some of the cities meats had been held in storage for twenty-five years. But that Mr. Wilson may not have any excuse, Congress has now passed a law which carries with it a fine of \$5,000 and two years in jail for the profiteer and food holder. It is now up to the Administration to enforce the law against these gentry, who are just plain thieves and robbers, who deprive women and children of proper food and clothing. The big fellow gets a corner on what the plain citizen eats, puts it into cold storage and says there is a scarcity. We passed a law to take care of the situation and the President says he is going to the country to talk about the League of Nations. The other day Congress passed a resolution requesting him to stay at home and do his duty in helping to reduce the high cost of living.

"A short time ago President Wilson stood before Congress and sanctimoniously stated that there could be no hope of any lowering of the cost of living until that body ratified the League of Nations. He was putting a false issue before the country which he did not believe to be true and which he does not now believe.

"As regards the Peace Treaty, it does not matter a hell of beans if we never sign it. It won't get us a foot of ground nor a cent of money and does not even guarantee that Germany will not sink more of our ships. It is true that other countries are urging us to sign the treaty because it will be good for them, but will it be good for us?"

The speaker then criticized the giving of Shantung to Japan on the threat that if President Wilson did not permit the inquiry, Japan would refuse to join the League. Italy wants part of Austria, France a part of Germany and England holds the islands of the seas, while we hold the bag. President Wilson is asking us to guarantee the present peace lines forever, including the Shantung steal.

The Peace Treaty also provides that American boys be kept in Germany for fifteen years and American boys have recently had their heads split in Russia. He then mentioned that while there exists all this talk of what a war preventative the League of Nations is to prove, Secretary of War Baker is urging a standing army of 576,000 and a method of conscription under the name of universal military training that will provide 700,000 a year more making an army of 1,250,000. This fact, he showed, proves how little they believe in the League of Nations to prevent war. Besides this the Navy is calling for a billion dollars a year that it may be enlarged.

It looks more like world conquest than anything else.

Congressman Robison then said that under the League of Nations, other countries could insist on the admittance of hordes of Chinese, Japanese, Czechoslovaks and that America would have only one vote to raise in protest against six for the British Empire and one for each of the other nations.

In fact the League of Nations will take from us the right to run our own affairs and the speaker pointed out how Democratic presidents in the past were opposed to entangling alliances, mentioning Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, Jackson, Van Buren, Tyler, Polk, Cleveland and also Washington, Lincoln and Grant.

"Let America be free and stand alone and then she can freely choose whether she will help or no. We don't want any of these countries to defend us. It is they who want us to defend them."

## DAMAGES GIVEN

The case of John Frank Girdner, the eight year old boy who in 1915, lost his leg above the knee, has been awarded the sum of \$11,001.16 damages and this sum was paid over by the representative of the Cumberland Railroad on Tuesday. This is the sixth jury trial which Mr. Sawyer A. Smith has had to fight to attain this result.

## HOUSING SITUATION GROWS DESPERATE

"No place to stay." That is the condition that many visitors find on coming to Barbourville to the Fair and in fact, it is becoming true of those who wish to settle among us. Unless some of our more enterprising citizens begin to build the housing situation will become desperate. Barbourville is growing and must have more homes for outsiders. If they are not built, the fact that this is a fine educational center will be to some extent nullified by the inability of parents to find homes in which they and their families may live while the children are being educated. The building of houses would seem to be good business for both the individual and the city.

## LUNCHEON

On last Saturday Mrs. R. H. Newitt entertained at a beautiful five course luncheon to Miss Milton West, Mrs. R. P. Black and Mrs. C. P. Kennedy.

## BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Sears, Swan Lake, a boy, Sept. 1st.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Frank Golden, a boy, Aug. 31.

## EDUCATIONAL DIVISION MEETS

Educational Division 4 which was set for August 30th met at Fount with a large attendance of teachers, patrons and children. It was an all day meeting with a big dinner on the ground. The Educational spirit seems to be strong in that section.

## HON. J. B. SNYDER EXPLAINS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

On Thursday night of last week, Hon. J. B. Snyder, our brilliant Commonwealth Attorney, explained the Statewide Constitutional Amendment and the necessity for voting strongly on same. The meeting was held in the Court House and a number of the best citizenship attended. Rev. A. H. Davis acted as chairman and Rev. J. J. Kelley delivered the invocation.

Mr. Snyder explained that we are at present enjoying but a temporary prohibition and pointed out the danger of a resumption of old conditions when the war is declared officially over. Distillers may now bottle their products that are in bond and should the ban be lifted for even a few months they could then sell great quantities of liquor until January 1921 when national prohibition comes into force.

The speaker stated that one of the strongest reasons for the passage of Statewide prohibition is that it will then become a part of the Constitution of Kentucky and no court could go behind it. It would also furnish the same relative guarantees that will be furnished by the national prohibition amendment.

Mr. Snyder urged that a proper campaign be put on to make the citizens realize the supreme importance of voting for the amendment as the cities will probably roll up a majority against it. With this amendment as a part of the Constitution it will supersede and be above any liquor laws that may be passed and it will be the law itself as part of the Constitution.

He stated that the legislature has provided a separate ballot on the subject so that the question can not be overlooked as it might be had it been put on the regular ballot. Mr. Davis, on behalf of the audience, thanked Mr. Snyder for his able exposition of the subject.

## RECEPTION

Mrs. R. P. Black entertained informally on last Thursday afternoon for her sister, Miss Milton West, of Birmingham, Alabama. The house was beautifully decorated with clematis and golden glow carrying out the color scheme of yellow and green throughout the lower floor.

Receiving with Mrs. Black and Miss West was Mrs. John A. Black, Mrs. C. F. Rathfon assisted in the library where Mrs. R. H. Newitt served punch from a very artistic yellow latticed booth decorated with clematis and ferns. An ice course was served in the dining room by Mrs. J. S. Golden and Misses Loratta Farmer, Mary McDermott and Lilydale Tye. A very interesting feature of the afternoon was a "Guest Book" kept by Mrs. J. D. Tuggle which was later given to the honoree.

About fifty guests called between the hours of four and six.

Miss Milton West, who spent the month of August with her sister, Mrs. Read P. Black, was called to her home in Birmingham, Ala., Sunday night by the sudden illness of her mother.

## Why Do You Sell Your Liberty Bonds At A Loss?

There is not a bank in the country that will not take Liberty Bonds as a collateral. Why shouldn't they?

If a Liberty Bond is worthless, our money is worthless. They are both built on the same foundation—The United States Government.

By selling your Liberty Bonds at a loss you are aiding the silk-hatted, oily-tongued fake stock promoter. When your Liberty Bonds leave you, this individual with a "million-dollar smile" begins preying on you.

By selling your government bonds "for a song" you have shown the weakness that puts your name on his sucker list.

By holding your bonds, or borrowing money on them, you are showing a real financial trait. You are demonstrating that you know a good thing and you are not going to let it get away.

Make your bonds a means of saving more money. Our savings department will explain it to you.

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## MICKIE SAYS

ONE THING I COULD NEVER GET THROUGH MY HEAD IS WHY SOME FELLERS'LL COME 'ROUND HERE WHEN THEY WANT A FREE BOOST IN THE PAPER. 'N THEN SEND OUT OF TOWN WHEN THEY GOT SOME PRINTING 'A DO!



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GET IN LINE

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Start your bank account with us today, we have more than 2500 depositors. Deposits more than half million dollars.

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Buy Liberty Bonds Buy W. S. S.